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General

(4) Since death of Stalin and power takeover by Malenkov & Co. - a committee form of government. Kremlin policy is to step up covert subversive operations and to play down belligerent warlike operations.

This decision based on success of these tactics and because it permits stressing the "peaceful" attitude of the Soviet Union and develops the Neutralist Movement in Europe and Asia particularly.

Neutralist policy aims particularly to split the Socialist parties throughout the world and create a left-wing party as a bridge to popular front governments and eventually to Soviet control of free countries. This development particularly apparent in Italy (Nenni), Indonesia, Burma and Japan.

The countries of the free world which are most immediately threatened by Communist subversion are the following:

In Europe - ^{25X6}Italy, France, plus a strong play through devious channels for the [redacted] Also drive by Kremlin to improve relations with Tito.

Southeast Asia - Southern Viet Nam (Laos, Cambodia) and Indonesia.

India and Japan also major targets but in neither case is the threat immediate. Nonetheless dangerous, particularly in Japan.

Middle East - Here Communism has had set backs in both Iran, Egypt and Iraq. Syria and Jordan are the softest spots, but entire Middle East is still a danger spot. (Note: Soviet penetration into the Armed Forces of Iran.)

Latin America - Honduras is the softest spot, but Brazil, Chile and Mexico are the three dangerous centers of communist action. The single most dangerous leader is Toledano in Mexico. He is the most useful tool of Moscow in this hemisphere.

Guatemala (Operation completed) - Some 200,000 communist documents collected in Guatemala and some 50,000 photostated and sent here for study and exploitation. CIA task force is working to harass, expose and recruit Guatemalan exiles in Mexico, Argentina, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

(5) Note: This was taken from Mr. Dulles' notes for briefing the NSC on past operations. Mr. Wienen is using this for his briefings of the Mark Clark Committee, 4 November, and the Budget, 1 November.

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